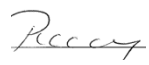





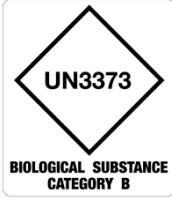

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To protect specimens during transport and prevent contact with staff, public and the environment, **TRIPLE** packaging is required:

Step	Action	
1	A Primary leak-proof specimen container is placed into a Secondary leak-proof container (re-sealable plastic bag).	 
2	IF there are liquid specimens, absorbent must be placed between the primary and secondary container. Multiple specimens (e.g. blood collection tubes, etc.) must be individually packaged or placed in a foam or plastic rack in a secondary leak-proof container with absorbent.	 
3	The Secondary container is placed in rigid Outer Packaging (specimen transport container) to contain and protect specimens. Outer Packaging must be labeled with either "Exempt Human Specimen" or "UN 3373 Biological Substance, Category B". Outer Packaging CANNOT have both labels.	
	<i>If,</i>	<i>Then,</i>
4	If Specimen is believed to contain an INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE or you are unsure,	The Outer Packaging must be labeled with "UN 3373 Biological Substance, Category B" 
5	If Specimen is believed NOT to contain an INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE ,	The Outer Packaging must be labeled with "Exempt Human Specimen" 

When container (outer packaging) is EMPTY the labels must be REMOVED or covered over.

All specimens must be packaged and transported according to Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (Transport Canada) and Discipline specific requirements (frozen, cold, ambient). For further information please see TDG Bulletin "Shipping Infectious Substances", March 2018.

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